



Advanced Practice Nursing and the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC)

Note: The NLC applies only to RNs and LPNs. All APNs practicing in Alabama must maintain APN Approval with the ABN, as indicated below.

Effective January 1, 2020

❖ Alabama officially is a part of the Nurse Licensure Compact:

- The ABN begins issuing multistate licenses (MSLs) to nurses who live in Alabama.
- Nurses with MSLs from other Compact states are legally authorized to practice in Alabama.
 - Practice is on the multistate privilege (MSP).

❖ Alabama nurses who choose to maintain single state licenses:

- No changes
- Renewals for RN and APN occur in even-numbered years.
- Next Renewal – September 1-December 31, 2020
- Must document 24 hours of CE, including 6 CE in pharmacology.

❖ Alabama nurses who choose an MSL:

- Renewal dates for RN and APN approval are reset to odd-numbered years.
- Next Renewal for RN and APN – September 1-December 31, 2021
- Must document 24 hours of CE, including 6 CE in pharmacology.

❖ Non-Alabama nurses who hold MSLs in other Compact states:

- Alabama will recognize the MSP for APN approval.
- **All Alabama approved APNs with non-Alabama MSLs must notify the Board of this status by June 30, 2020, to continue APN approval.**
- Current Alabama RN license will lapse on December 31, 2020.
- APN Approval Renewal date will be reset to odd-numbered years: Resulting in Next APN Renewal – September 1-December 31, 2021; 6 hours CE pharmacology required.
- Must maintain national certification and multistate licensure in the home state.

❖ Non-Alabama nurses who do not hold MSLs:

- No changes
- Renewals for RN and APN occur in even-numbered years.
- Next Renewal – September 1-December 31, 2020
- Must document 24 hours of CE, including 6 CE in pharmacology.